

## NOMINATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of William Pelham Barr, of Virginia, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from former Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey, Debevoise and Plimpton LLP, and Marc H. Morial, National Urban League, both of New York, New York; Derrick Johnson, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Baltimore, Maryland; former Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson, Finch McCrannie LLP, and Neil J. Kinkopf, Georgia State University College of Law, both of Atlanta, Georgia; Mary Kate Cary, University of Virginia Miller Center, Jonathan Turley, George Washington University Law School, and Chuck Canterbury, Fraternal Order of Police, all of

Washington, D.C.; and Reverend Sharon Risher, Charlotte, North Carolina.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

## FIGHTING ELDER FRAUD

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine fighting elder fraud, focusing on progress made and work to be done, after receiving testimony from Derek Schmidt, Kansas Attorney General, Topeka; Candice Simeoni, Kennebunk Police Department, Kennebunk, Maine, on behalf of the York County Elder Abuse Task Force; Erika Flavin, Willow Grove, Pennsylvania; and Judith Kozlowski, Washington, D.C.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 49 public bills, H.R. 582–630; 3 private bills, H.R. 631–633; and 14 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 4; and H. Res. 46–51, 53–56, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 52, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 28) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2019, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 116–3).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Sires to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:21 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 46, electing Members to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Monday, January 14th.

*Expanding Contracting Opportunities for Small Businesses Act of 2019:* H.R. 190, to amend the Small Business Act to eliminate the inclusion of option years in the award price for sole source contracts, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 415 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 36.

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**Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2019:** The House passed H.R. 268, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 237 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 39.

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Rejected the Dunn motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 193 yeas to 231 nays, Roll No. 38.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–2, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–2, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole.

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Agreed to:

Bishop (GA) amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–2) that increases emergency assistance funding to agricultural producers who suffered losses from hurricanes, wildfires and other agricultural related losses in 2018;

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Velázquez amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–2) that provides \$5 million to conduct an independent study, including a survey of participants, on the impact of the additional benefits provided through disaster nutrition assistance on the food insecurity, health status, and well-being of program participants; **Page H650**

Velázquez amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–2) that provides \$25 million for Caño Martín Peña channel ecosystem restoration; **Pages H650–51**

Thompson (CA) amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–2) that clarifies that winegrape growers whose crops were tainted by smoke from a 2018 wildfire are eligible for assistance under this Act, even if the damage is discovered after the grapes have been removed from the vine; **Pages H651–52**

Thompson (CA) amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–2) that increases funding by \$50 million for the Community Development Fund to help address unmet infrastructure needs for grantees that received allocations for disasters that occurred in 2017; **Page H652**

Graves (LA) amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–2) that extends eligibility to Army Corps of Engineers and FEMA projects, but ensures they do not receive funding in excess of the amount at which they are authorized; **Pages H652–53**

Richmond amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–2) that amends section to clarify that the process for addressing duplication of benefits should be handled in accordance with current law; **Pages H653–54**

Westerman amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–2) that increases the funding for USFS State and Private Forestry account, with the goals of helping state and private forest managers recover from the catastrophic fires of 2018 and helping these land managers prepare for the next fire season; **Pages H454–55**

Jayapal amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–2) that restricts DHS funding from being used for the construction or expansion of immigration detention facilities; **Pages H655–56**

Sablan amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–2) that increases the funding for the Northern Marianas Medicaid program by \$16 million to help the islands in recovery from Typhoon Mangkhut and Super Typhoon Yutu; **Pages H656–58**

Sablan amendment (No. 14 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–2) that increases funding for the Marianas food stamps block grant by \$15,000,000 to cover the cost of households, not previously eligible for aid, who remain in need of assistance because of continuing income loss after Typhoon Mangkhut and

Super Typhoon Yutu; out of total population of 53,883, the Food and Nutrition Service reports 40,377 people qualified for disaster nutrition benefits; **Page H658**

González-Colón (PR) amendment (No. 15 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–2) that increases the amount of nutritional assistance appropriated in Sec. 101 by \$5,000,000; **Pages H658–59**

Stewart amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–2) that provides increased funding for hazardous fuels management activities to increase the resiliency of federal forests, to protect against catastrophic wildfires and reduce the amount of damage caused by such fires (agreed by unanimous consent to withdraw the earlier request for a recorded vote to the end that the Chair put the question *de novo*); and **Pages H651, H659**

McGovern amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–2) that states that none of the funds in this bill for the Army Corps of Engineers or Department of Homeland Security may be used to plan, develop, or construct the border wall (by a recorded vote of 230 ayes to 197 noes, Roll No. 37). **Pages H647–49, H659**

Rejeccted:

Rice (SC) amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–2) that sought to remove the prohibition on the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's ability to waive requirements related to the environment. **Pages H649–50**

H. Res. 43, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 268) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 35, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 34. **Pages H618–26**

**Question of Privilege:** Representative Rush rose to a question of the privileges of the House and submitted a resolution (H. Res. 53). Subsequently, Representative Hoyer moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Ethics and was recognized for one hour on the motion. The motion to refer was agreed to by voice vote, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H662–63**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, January 17th. **Page H663**

**Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Representatives Himes, Sewell (AL), Carson (IN), Speier, Quigley, Swalwell (CA), Castro (TX), Heck, Sean Patrick Maloney (NY), Demings, and Krishnamoorthi. **Page H665**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to foreign terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process is to continue in effect beyond January 23, 2019—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–7).

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H671.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H624–25, H625–26, H626, H659, H660–61, and H661. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### FURTHER ADDITIONAL CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.J. Res. 28, the “Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 28. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Com-

mittee on Appropriations or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides that it shall be in order at any time through the legislative day of January 25, 2019, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules as though under clause 1 of rule XV, and that the Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lowey and Representative Granger.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### **Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### **House.**

No hearings are scheduled.